

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendment under Rule 312, to correct various technical inconsistencies. No new matter has been introduced as a consequence of these amendments.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not present any new issues, and therefore does not affect the allowability of the application.

The issue fee will be paid prior to the May 9, 2005 deadline.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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